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SUBJECT: REACTION TO DENKTASH STATEMENT

REF: STATE 131372

1. THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON THE DENKTASH MAY 22 STATEMENT AND THE ROLE OF THE DEPARTMENT IN PUBLICIZING THAT STATEMENT WERE THE FOCAL POINTS FOR THE RELATED ACCOUNTS APPEARING IN THE GREEK PRESS MAY 24-25. THE GOG-CONTROLLED RADIO AND TELEVISION HAVE MADE NO REFERENCE WHATSOEVER TO THE STATEMENT. PRESS COVERAGE YESTERDAY WAS IRREGULAR, WITH SOME NEWSPAPERS TOTALLY IGNORING THE STORY, SEVERAL GIVING IT A FEW LINES AND TWO OPPOSITION AFTERNOON ISSUES MAKING IT A PRIMARY NEWS STORY. THE REPORTING CONTRASTED THE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO THE DENKTASH STATEMENT AS "POSITIVE AND ENCOURAGING" WITH GREEK CYPRIOT COMMENTS THAT DENKTASH HAD OFFERED NOTHING NEW. THE REPORTING WAS ALSO VERY CRITICAL OF THE DEPARTMENT'S INITIATIVE IN PUBLICIZING THE DENKTASH STATEMENT. THAT THE CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE A DEMARCHE WAS LIKEWISE DULY NOTED  
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IN MANY ACCOUNTS.

2. ON MAY 25, THE PRESS GAVE MORE PROMINENCE TO THE STORY AND PRINTED EXTENSIVE EXCERPTS OF THE RELEVANT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS DURING THE DEPARTMENT'S MAY 23 NOON BRIEFING. PRO-GOVERNMENT KATHIMERINI HEADLINED:  
"A RESULT OF PRESSURE OR A NEW DIPLOMATIC MANEUVER? TURKEY

NOW APPEARS 'CONCILIATORY' - JUSTIFIED RESERVE IN ATHENS ABOUT  
THE TURKISH MOVEMENTS IN VIEW OF THE NEW CARAMANLIS - ECEVIT  
MEETING", WHILE OPPOSITION PROINI ELEFTHEROTYPIA BANNERED  
"IS AMERICA SETTING A TRAP? TURKISH CONCESSIONS ARE 'ADVERTISED'".

3. COMMENT: THE MAIN THRUST OF THE PRESS COVERAGE WAS CRITICISM  
OF THE U.S. FOR ACTING AS SPOKESMAN FOR DENKTASH. WHILE  
THE EARLIER REPORTING LARGELY AVOIDED MENTION OF THE SPECIFICS  
OF DENKTASH'S STATEMENT, THE LATER REPRINTING OF THE QUESTIONS  
AND ANSWERS AT THE MAY 23 BRIEFING BROUGHT FORTH MUCH OF THE  
ESSENTIAL INFORMATION.  
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